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## LABOR COSTS PAID BY ANOTHER CORPORATION

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Are amounts received from another company for labor costs taxable under the "Processing for Hire" classification?

A taxpayer owned a cannery and cold storage plant. A contract was entered into with another corporation in which the taxpayer promised to process and can tuna owned by the other corporation in return for reimbursement of certain costs plus a fixed fee per case. The cannery workmen were paid by the taxpayer, but reimbursements were made by the other corporation for the exact cost of all payroll expenses.

The Commission held that amounts received by the taxpayer for services performed by its employees were part of the gross income subject to tax under the Processing for Hire classification. Although it appeared that the other corporation could have assumed the direct responsibility as an employer of the cannery workmen, the contract failed to make any express or implied employment provision establishing such a relationship.

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